

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1793**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Junya SHIRAHATA

Group Art Unit: 1793

Application No.: 10/787,194

Examiner: C. NGUYEN

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For: EXHAUST-GAS PURIFYING CATALYST

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the December 11, 2007 Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. The Office Action, in paragraph 3, continues to reject claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0028589 to Reisinger et al. (hereinafter "Reisinger"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Reisinger teaches a high performance catalyst containing a layer on an inert carrier body comprising noble metals such as platinum group deposited on support materials (Abstract). Specifically, Reisinger teaches that a loading layer (the layer on the inert carrier body) contains platinum deposited on support materials comprising metal oxides selected